

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Opening Lives to God*

Reflecting God's love
in thoughtful, joyful worship.
Growing with vision and
vitality remembering the spirit
of our heritage.
Serving the community
with concern for the world.
Supporting just and
peaceful living.
Encouraging faith exploration.
Enjoying laughter, music
and one another.
A Christian place of
belonging for all.

*When the Israelites saw it,
they said to one another,
'What is it?' For they did not
know what it was. Moses said
to them, 'It is the bread that
the LORD has given you to eat.*

Exodus 16:15



Sunday Worship
September 24, 2017
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING US IN

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Sarah Bigwood and Elder Susie Potter

GATHERING MUSIC

Deep River
Arranged by Peter Wolf

OPENING SENTENCES

†HYMN #669
Let's Sing unto the Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION

Katie Decker

PRAYER SONG

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the Seasons, we live busy lives,
stressed by all that we must get done.
Seasons come and go like waves on the
shore. We convince ourselves that one day
the work will be finished. But the work
never finishes. We continuously violate the
essence of Sabbath, the change of pace so
we can focus on what we need rather than
what we need to do. Change us today, O
God. Make us aware of your season of care.
Open our eyes to both the falling leaves and
the things in our lives that have ended or
are coming to an end. Give us strength to
sustain our grief. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We feel that our words
are too blunt to pierce a divine ear
our thoughts too heavy to fly
in the face of gravity
Our prayers aren't much
unless you count the reaching and resigning
of the breast
seventeen thousand times a day
the testing
and trusting under our feet
in every forward, backward
place
the way our eyelids close
to the mess we cannot clear
we make chaos disappear
and in the morning dare to rise
again

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Rev. Sarah Bigwood
Congregational Blessing: **You are God's beloved child.
With you God is well pleased.**
Children 3 years old through 1st grade may leave for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love
Arranged by Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love;
My words are vain,
As sounding brass,
And hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But no be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
O come, spirit, come let inward love,
Let love guide er'ry deed.
By this we worship, we are freed.

Amen, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15
Old Testament, page 62 of your pew Bible.

SERMON

What is it?
Rev. Sarah Bigwood

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

†HYMN #76
Do Not Be Afraid
Refrain: Congregation
Stanza: Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering
Myron Jones

OFFERING

All loose offering benefits *KidPack*, a program that provides weekend
nutrition for students at Noble Elementary School.

OFFERTORY

Shimmering Waters
Arranged by Sondra Tucker
Valley Bell Choir

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All that we have and all that we are belong to you, O God. Take these
gifts, the ones in the offering plate and the ones in our hearts and use
them for your will. AMEN.**

Children and teachers may leave for Faith Formation (Sunday School Classes).

SENDING US OUT

†HYMN #647
Give Thanks

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Joys and Concerns

Please remember in your prayers all Valley members and friends with health
and other concerns.

Palmer Graphenteen is at Colonial Acres for rehabilitation after a stay at
North Memorial for infections.

Mary Vannucci is in hospice care at home.

Darlene Schnert is in hospice care at St. Therese of Oxbow Lake,
Brooklyn Park.

Shirley Schon is in hospice care at North Ridge Care Center, New Hope.

This Week at Valley

Today, September 24

9:30 am Worship Service
10:00 am Faith Formation
10:30 am Fellowship Time
Alternative Gift Catalog Sales
11:00 am Adult Ed
11:15 am Worship Service
6:00 pm T.E.A.M.S.
6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, September 25

6:30 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 26

1:00 pm Valley Press Assembly
4:00 pm Music Together
West Twin Cities
6:30 pm Keys to Success
Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

11:00 am Knitpickers
5:00 pm Yoga Class
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

9:30 am Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Dinner at Your Door
6:30 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 29

2:00 pm Book Club
5:00 pm Valley's Tent City

Saturday, September 30

9:00 am Music Together
West Twin Cities
2:00 pm Brew Crew at the
Pitan Home

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service
10:00 am Faith Formation
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Adult Ed
11:15 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Valley Apple Orchard
Event—Apple Jack Orchards
6:00 pm T.E.A.M.S.
6:00 pm Youth Group



Chancel Flowers

Sponsored and arranged
today by Susie Potter
in honor of her aunts

Lois Schmidt, Niki McKeon & Helen
Webb, who introduced her to "Valley".

Sunday Helpers

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Worship Assistant
Katie Decker

Lead Ushers
Ann Reynolds
Dick Sauter

Ushers
Mary Roback
Carrie David

Coffee Hosts
Ryan & Karen Chancellor

Sound Technician
Art Freeman

Building
Open – Susie Potter
Close – Les Freeberg

Valley Church Staff

Ministers: All 477 members of this
congregation.

Pastor

Rev. Richard D. Buller

Associate Pastor

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

Director of Christian Education

Wendy Fields

Director of Music

Roderick Phipps-Kettlewell

Director of Wellsprings Music

Scott Newman

Director of Hand Bell Choir

Janet M.T. Carlson

Office Administrator

Lisa Tarbell

Secretary

Pam Magill

Custodian

Alan Wold

Nursery Attendant

Rebekah Rierson

Parish Associate Volunteers

Rev. Dr. Jim Cook

Rev. Bill Davnie

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. Aron Wilterding

Valley Church was founded May 20, 1951.

Valley Happenings

Adult Ed Today
Faith and Friendship
Speaker: Wendy Fields

During this forum,
we will discuss how
we have cultivated
and maintained
friendships, how
friendships have enriched our lives,
and the roll that our faith plays in our
friendships.



Cornerstone Room at 11:00 a.m.

Let's Fight Homelessness



On Friday, September 29,
Valley youth will be
sleeping outside to raise
awareness and funds for
Families Moving Forward.

Valley Apple Orchard Day



Apple Jack Orchards
Sunday, October 1, 2017
12:30—2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 per
person and that includes
lunch and wagon ride. Kids 4
and under are \$4.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall,
*today is the last day to reserve
your spot.*



Fall Festival Octubafest

Saturday, October 14
5:30—8:30 p.m.

Entertainment by:
The Above Average Tuba Quartet

Silent/Live Auction

Tickets are on sale today in
Fellowship Hall.

Book Club
Friday, Sept. 29 2:00 p.m.

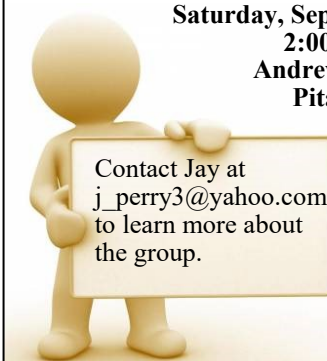
Discussing:
Commonwealth
Author: Ann Patchett

Come and join in the discussion.



Next Brew Crew Event

Saturday, September 30
2:00-6:00 p.m.
Andrew & Becca
Pitan's Home



Contact Jay at
j_perry3@yahoo.com
to learn more about
the group.

Lunch Bunch
Monday, October 2
at 11:30 a.m.

50's Grill
Brooklyn Center



New Member Class
Sunday, October 15 • 5:00 pm

Individuals and families interested in
learning about membership at Valley are
invited to attend. Dinner and childcare
will be provided. New members will be
received into the
church on Sunday,
November 12.
Call the church office
at 763-588-0831 to
learn more.



Welcome to Worship at Valley

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in
worship, programs and mission at Valley Community Presbyterian
Church.

Find **newsletter** and activity information on our **website** at
www.valleychurch.net or in the literature racks located around the
building.

Reach us on our **telephone ministry** if you are unable to be with us
for worship, call (763) 220-1455 to hear the service over your phone
or on your computer at uberconference.com/valleychurch.

Large-Print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals, as well as hearing
devices, are available from the ushers.

Child care in the nursery is provided for infants and toddlers from
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. by Rebekah Rierson. The nursery is located on
this floor.

Children's bulletins are available in the Narthex for both readers and
non-readers. Children are a large part of worship here at Valley and
they are encouraged to be in the sanctuary to be part of the
community of worship. Activity bags can be found in the narthex and
a family area for little crawlers is located on the west side of the
sanctuary.

Join us for **fellowship** with Fair Trade Coffee and refreshments in
Fellowship Hall following the service.

Adult Education classes are offered during the school year in the
Cornerstone Room beginning at 11:00 a.m. Brochures are available in
the literature racks around the church building with class descriptions
and speakers.

It's summer and the **labyrinth at Valley** is open and available to
everyone. You can enter the area from the street or off the patio.
Brochures are available in the stand at the entrance to help guide your
meditation.

Interested in membership at Valley? **New Member classes** take
place several times a year. Our next New Members class will be held
Sunday, Oct. 15 at 5:00 p.m. For information on the next class, ask
Rev. Buller or Rev. Bigwood.

Wifi access is available throughout the building.
network name: VCPC-Guest
password: vcpcguest

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